

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1182  
By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Blake William Jones,  
2004 Valedictorian of Dickson County High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Blake William Jones is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Jones has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Jones has earned an exemplary 3.98 grade point average and has been named the 2004 Dickson County High School Silver Medallist; and

WHEREAS, an astute scholar, Mr. Jones has earned such prestigious honors as the Social Studies Department Award, Speech Department Award, 1st Place in the State Beta Convention Social Studies Contest, Most Outstanding Art History Student, Silver Medal on the National Latin Exam, Olive Award on the Medusa Mythology Exam, 4th Place Algebra II Team and 9th Place Algebra II Individual at Austin Peay State University Math Contest, and 1st Place in Islamic Tile Design at the Fall Art Show; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by his peers, Mr. Jones was selected as a Delegate to Boys' State, the International Economics Summit, and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has established himself as a talented orator, as he has presented award winning speeches with the utmost eloquence and persuasion; as a member of the National Forensic League and a participant in numerous student congresses, Mr. Jones has received multiple accolades for Extemporaneous Speaking, Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Impromptu Speaking, in addition to receiving numerous awards and holding many presiding officer positions in various student congresses; and

WHEREAS, also a very gifted thespian, Mr. Jones has participated in numerous competitions with the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League, has been a member of the International Thespian Society, a Delegate to the State Thespian Conference, a participant in the One-Act Play Marathon, and has received numerous accolades for his talents; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen of the highest order, Mr. Jones has lent his time and talents to the benefit of his school and community as a Speech and Drama Camp Counselor, Renaissance Center Ambassador for the Computer Animation Department, and he has delivered summer performances at elementary daycare centers; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Jones is a member of Walnut Street Church of Christ where, as an active part of the youth group, he has participated in many mission trips; and

WHEREAS, knowing the value of higher education, Mr. Jones plans to continue his scholastic endeavors at Western Kentucky University; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual aptitude and ambition that Mr. Jones displays surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Jerry Jones and Janet Jones, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Dickson County High School

Valedictorian, Blake William Jones, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.